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U.S. Department of
Transportation
Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

May 8, 1998

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

Application of US Airways, Inc. filed 10/21/97 in Docket OST-97-3034 for:

XX Exemption for two years under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Paris, France.

The Allegheny County Department of Aviation filed an answer in support of US Airways' application. Northwest Airlines and United Air Lines filed answers stating that there is no bilateral agreement authorizing the service and the Department should deny US Airways' request until such time as the United States and France reach a new aviation agreement. US Airways filed a reply stating that approval of its application is supported by comity and reciprocity. All of these pleadings were filed before conclusion of the April 8, 1998 Memorandum of Consultations referred to below.

Applicant rep.: Donald T. Bliss, 202-383-5300 DOT analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX *Granted(subject to conditions, see below)*

The above action was effective when taken: May 8, 1998, through May 8, 2000

XX Under assigned authority (14 CFR 385) by:

Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation
(Petitions for review may be filed from now until
10 days after the confirming order/letter issues.
Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of
this action.)

XX The authority granted is consistent with the April 8, 1998 Memorandum of Consultations between the United States and France.¹

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: XX Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

XX Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)

(See Reverse Side)

¹ On April 8, 1998, the United States and France signed a Memorandum of Consultations (MOC) and initialed the text of a framework for a new Air Transport Agreement (Agreement). The MOC also provided that each Party would permit operations consistent with the new Agreement on the basis of comity and reciprocity, pending finalization of the Agreement.

Conditions: The U.S.-France combination services operated by US Airways must be operated within the level of services authorized US Airways for U.S.-France combination services.

Remarks: We determined that the concerns raised by Northwest and United had been superseded in light of the April 8, 1998 U.S.-France MOC.

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